GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:10
ANSWERED ON:18.07.2016
Import of Second Hand Electronic Items
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of import policy for second hand electronic items in the country;

(b) whether the Government has granted permission for import of second hand electronic items including cell phones, computers etc. into the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the total number of cases wherein permission was granted by the Government for import of second hand electronic items into the country during each of the last three years and the current year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

a) to d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 10 FOR ANSWER ON 18TH JULY, 2016 REGARDING "IMPORT OF SECOND HAND ELECTRONIC ITEMS "

(a) Import of second hand electronic items is governed by the import policy laid down in para 2.31 of Foreign Trade Policy (2015-20). As per para 2.31, inter alia, the following second hand capital goods are "Restricted" and importable only against an authorization:
i. Personal computers/ laptops including their refurbished / re-conditioned spares;
ii. Photocopier machines/ Digital multifunction Print & Copying Machines; and
iii. Air conditioners.
Further, second hand/used consumer electronic goods are "Restricted" and importable only against an authorization

(b) to (d) Total number of cases wherein permissions were granted for import of second hand electronic items during the last three years and the current year are as under:

Sl No. Item details No. of Cases No. of item

2013-14
1.
Signal front end equipment and VM 700 measurement equipment 1 2
2. Refurbished hard disk drives(Desktop, laptop, servers etc.) 3 2,07,456
3. Personal Computer 1 11
4. Refurbished Computer parts 4 1,57,728
2014-15
1. Hardware & Software parts 1 16,065
2. C4 Tablets 1 4
2015-16
1. Refurbished Computer parts 2 53,450
2016-17 (uptil June,2016)
Nil NIL NIL

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